

in my area, or the subdivisions and the counties that I represent don't lose that much because we don't have that much railroad property in northeast Nebraska. Also I could say, well, it is unfair to those subdivisions that lost the tax when railroads went out of certain parts of the state. But I think since these subdivisions have made up their budget and they are going to lose some money, I think it is only fair to see whether we can help them. I feel by adopting the previous amendment to the committee amendment I feel it is more fair, it will help those subdivisions that lose over one percent of their loss, of the property tax loss. So, at this time I'll certainly support the committee amendment to this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess this is one of the really, maybe not rare occasions, but I think that the body is not listening, the body is not thinking. I know there is...and I'm not chastising anyone out in the lobby. There is a lot of pressure out there. You've got to support this, it is not well thought out. And the same ones out to the lobby, when I went out and explained to them what was wrong on it, Senator, you are right. People, you are not listening, you are not thinking. This is not helping the ones that are severely hurt the worst. A lot of these schools, a lot of these subdivisions, schools have that extra reserve. I went through it before with you, the tax loss valuation. Be fair, go 25 percent, 40 percent or 60 percent. In all due respect to Senator Warner and so on maybe he is committed to supporting this amendment. Think what you're doing. It is not fair, you are not helping the ones that are severely impacted. I went through it before with you. Some of the smaller schools, I'm not chastising them. Some of the farmers pay on a lot of unmortgaged property. But here you are, I'll pick a school in Grand Island, Hall County, a rural school, .30 mill valuation, 7.43 of their valuation. I shall go back down to Wood River High School, for example, .81, 2.56 of their valuation. But let me go to Northwest High School again, .31, which is...Grand Island consolidated them. They are paying a considerable amount to Northwest High School, so theirs can be reduced. Grand Island's is .44 of theirs, of their .192 mill levy. I know what they did. When this was drawn up the Governor or the Revenue Department looked at the 2.56 for this county, or 3.12 as an overall ball park figure. But when I explained it to you a while ago on the floor I think that if you stop and think and